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C O N F I D E N T I A L BRUSSELS 10619

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OCON, MILL, NATO, BE

SUBJECT: AIRBORNE WARNING AND CONTROL SYSTEM (AWACS)

REF: STATE 268529

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1. WE REVIEWED AWACS ISSUE WITH FOREIGN MINISTRY CHIEF OF WESTERN ORGANIZATIONS (I.E., NATO) AFFAIRS AMBASSADOR VAN DE KERCKHOVE NOVEMBER 26. BELGIAN POSITIONS REMAINS UNCHANGED. FOR BUDGETARY REASONS BELGIAN GOVERNMENT WILL NOT NOW PARTICIPATE IN AWACS. BELGIAN GOVERNMENT RECOGNIZES NEED FOR AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM AND DOES NOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY IT MAY IN FUTURE REVISE ITS PRESENT NEGATIVE POSITION TOWARDS AWACS. FOR THE MEANTIME, VAN DE KERCKHOVE NOTED THAT BELGIAN CONTRIBUTION TO COMMON DEFENSE EFFORT WAS GROWING IN ACTUAL TERMS DESPITE INFLATION AND THAT NO MORE FUNDS COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE.

2. COMMENT: ISSUE IN BELGIUM IS STRICTLY MONETARY, NOT ONE OF QUESTIONING NEED FOR AN AIRBORNE EARLY WARNING SYSTEM OR OR QUESTIONING AWACS AS RESPONSE TO THAT NEED.FIRESTONE

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